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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Vo for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on May 17, 2006. This response includes the substance of that interview.

Claims 34 - 39 and 50 - 54 are pending in this application with claims 34 and 37 being the independent claims. The preambles to each of claims 34 and 37 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 34, 37, 50 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar (US Patent No. 5,012,335) in view of Endo (JP 05-183788).

Claims 35, 36 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar, Endo and Grad (US Patent No. 5,794,125).

Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar, Endo and Roberts et al. (US Patent No. 4,873,711).

Claims 51 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohodar, Endo and Reference U (Spread Spectrum Technology and Wireless Microphone System).

In light of the following discussion, the rejections are respectfully traversed.

As set forth in each of independent claims 34 and 37, a vehicle-mounted base station is provided for use in a vehicle-mounted surveillance system that includes a video recording device. The vehicle-mounted base station is used with a wireless microphone that is operational mode-switchable in response to an RF activation signal. The vehicle-mounted base station includes an input coupled to receive an operational status signal that is indicative of an operational status of the video recording device. The vehicle-mounted base station further includes a controller coupled to the input to receive the operational status signal and for generating an RF activation signal when the operational status signal indicates that the video recording device is in a recording mode. The vehicle-mounted base station further includes an RF transmitter arranged for transmitting the RF activation signal to the wireless microphone to switch the wireless microphone into a transmit mode from a standby mode.

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Nothing in either Endo or Cohodar shows, teaches or suggests that a controller receives an operational status signal that is indicative of the operational status of a video recording device and that the controller generates an RF activation signal, as required by claim 34.

In particular, Endo does not show or describe an operational status signal for recording means 8, 6, and 12 as being received by the control circuit 42. Thus, Endo fails to disclose the features of claim 34 noted above.

Regarding Cohodar, Examiner Jacobson pointed out in paragraph 18 of the December 16, 2004 Office Action that Cohodar does not show a microphone that is arranged to receive an RF activation signal. The Applicants acknowledge his point and further assert that Cohodar does not show or describe a vehicle-mounted base station that would generate such an RF activation signal when the operational status signal indicates that the video recording device is in recording mode, as required by claim 34.

Applicants submit that the remaining cited references – Grad, Roberts, and Reference U – also fail to show the invention of claim 34, either alone or in combination with Cohodar and/or Endo. Accordingly, for at least the reasons provided above it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claim 34 and the claims that depend therefrom under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn. It is felt that independent claim 37 is allowable for at least those reasons presented above in connection with claim 34. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claim 37 and the claims that depend therefrom under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

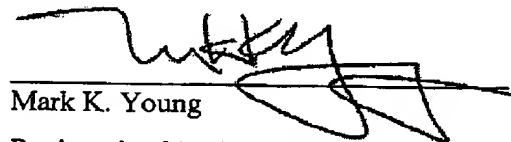
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

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Fees

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

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